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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The settlement offered by the Department of Justice, and accepted by Microsoft, to settle the antitrust case seems to be about all that can be hoped for in today's political climate.

My personal preference would have been for the government to stay out of the mix altogether. After three plus years and untold millions it is time to end this case.

I have a great deal of trepidation anytime I see government mixing in subjects that can only cause technological stagnation and higher costs in the long term.

I am in support of the decision of the Department of Justice to settle this case. Please, end this case now.

Sincerely,
James E. Cliff Jr.